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WHEN a railroad train makes over a mile and a quarter a minute it doesn't exactly prove that the speed record of electricity is gone, but it's going fast.

WHEN the silver dollar was dropped from coinage in 1873 and essentially demonetized, the bullion value of a silver dollar was three cents more than the gold bullion in a gold dollar.

GENERAL MILES thinks the bicycle will play an important part in war. Hence time may see an army preparatory to demolishing the enemy's works blow up its own tires.

THREE girls and a boy were born to Mrs. Amanda Webster at Bethel, Del., one day last week. The father is 52 years old and the children were named at last accounts.

FROM London comes the intelligence that the Latter Day Saints are making encouraging progress in the provinces, especially Wales. A. H. Ives, of Salt Lake City, made an address in the conference held in London.

THE rising generation of the new woman is rapidly coming to the front in the west. Last week the girls at the high school in Pontiac, Mich., organized a foot-ball team, and about the same time the girls in the Helena, Mont., high school organized a military company.

A YOUNG man wanting to marry can find a dozen bicycle riders where he can find one girl who knows how to cook and keep house."—Star.

NOT so in Graham county. Ninety-nine per cent of the girls here understand the mysteries of cooking and housekeeping.

IT now transpires that Lord Dunraven would like to test the relative merits of the Defender and Valkyrie III in the Mediterranean. He says that is the only place where a fair and impartial trial of speed can be made. When the earl returned to English soil it was hoped he would be dun-raven.

THE report made to the New York State Medical Association upon the results of the use of anti-toxin in diphtheria is favorable to the new treatment. The mortality from the disease in New York during the ten months of this year has been only about one-half as large as it was in previous years. Both in this country and in the countries of Europe medical experience has justified the use of the anti-toxin.

WHEN Hayti was a Spanish possession Spain exterminated the native population and reduced the country to a waste says the New York Sun. If means are not taken to put a stop to the ravage of Cuba by Spain, the story of Hayti may be repeated in the unhappy island which lies adjacent to it. Rather than continue to bear the Spanish yoke, the Cuban patriots say they would perish amid the ruins of their beautiful native land.

SCARCITY OF SILVER.

The Denver News says that contracts covering the output of bar silver for some months in the future extend from China and Japan, by way of London, New York and Denver, to the principal producers of silver ore in Colorado, Utah, Idaho and other districts in the Rocky mountain country. It is not at all likely that Mexico is omitted, as the very steadiness of the silver quotation at or near 67 cents per ounce since the first of the year indicates the existence of far-reaching contracts. Of an endless chain which unites the nations of the teeming East with the miners located along the Rocky mountain range, from the British possessions to include South America.

London, as the financial center of the world, is the head of the corner. This corner, by the way, was many times proposed between 1887 and 1893, but never carried out. The projectors were willing and urgent, but the rapid increase in supply, together with the fear of adverse legislation, kept the moneyed men out. Now the conditions are different. Our Wall street review, getting its inspiration from the mint officers at Washington, estimates the falling off in the world's silver product this year, compared with 1894, at 62,000,000 ounces, which exceeds by 2,000,000 ounces the entire output of the United States in 1893. In 1892 the highest figure of the United States production was reached, and this was 63,500,000 ounces.

Add to the decline in production the small stocks of bar silver in London and New York and the steady shipments from San Francisco to China and Japan, and it would seem that the conditions are favorable for a steady advance in quotations. This advance will not mean a great deal to a number of the larger mines while present contracts with the smelters hold good, but it will have the effect of raising prices when new contracts are proposed and of opening up a large number of properties that are at present idle because it does not pay to work them with silver at 67 cents per ounce.

At a meeting of the Tucson base ball club last week the resignation of Captain B. J. Zabriske was tendered and accepted and Manuaj Drachman, formerly captain of the club, was elected to succeed him. Mose Drachman, was still retained as manager. There was a discussion of plans to bring the club into its normal condition as the champion of the territory and the manifestation by all the boys of a disposition to get into base ball form. A game between the club and a picked nine was arranged for next Sunday. The game will be called at 2:30.—Star.

WE are glad to see Tucson manifest base ball spirit. If that same spirit would have been manifest some time ago, probably the championship would still remain there, as it is, the championship rests in the fertile valley of the Gila, in Graham County.

THE report of the commissioner of education for the year ending November 30, 1893, which has just been published, shows that the number of pupils enrolled in schools and colleges, public and private, was 15,083,630, or 22.5 per cent of the entire population of the country. Of this number, 13,210,719 were in the public schools, and they had 122,056 male and 260,954 female teachers. According to the details of attendance, it appears that children of the United States leave school for about two-fifths of the year to engage in labor, or from other motives. In the last twenty years, the value of school property and the amount of common school expenditures have more than doubled.—Globe-Democrat.

DINED WITH THE GOVERNOR.

Mark Twain's Story of the Old Salt Who Knew Gov. Russell.

Mark Twain told a capital story the other day, which he said had never been in print, but which deserves to be for no other reason than to allow it to fall into the hands of the self-appointed managers of the embryo presidential boom of its hero. It was on the ship coming home from Europe at the entertainment given in aid of poor sailors that Mr. Clemens recalled the tale in response to the encore demanded after he read a selection from his own writings. Naturally he turned to the sea and seafolk for inspiration. This was the story, robbed of the all the inimitable features of the telling peculiar to Mark Twain in his happiest mood, when the words draw their slow length along, fairly floating in their humor, which is frequently far more in the style of literature than the matter itself. He had the tale from an old salt he met once en route to Havana.

The old salt, who was a Nantucket fisherman and for many years master of a craft of his own, was reminiscing about the queer characters and odd experiences he had encountered first and last in his day. Shortly before the Nantucketer and Mark Twain came across each other the old captain, just home from a long voyage, together with the mate of a vessel, had gone up to Boston to see the sights. Among them they concluded to take a luncheon at a small hotel just to see what a swell hotel was like. After many meanderings they fetched up at the Tremont house, now soon to be no more, and got fairly seated at one of the tables in the main dining-room. While they were waiting for their best substitute for plum duff they noticed that a great deal of attention was being paid to a gentleman who had just come in, accompanied by two ladies. They were so impressed by this that the captain asked his waiter who the important personage was, and he learned that he was the governor of Massachusetts. When he named the governor the captain's memory was stirred, and with his seaman's love of dramatic effects, he turned to his mate and "bet a fiver" that he'd go over and shake hands with the governor. The mate bet a fiver he "couldn't." But the captain wasn't daunted; he added that he was ready to bet another fiver that the governor would not only shake hands with him but would ask him to dinner. The mate accepted this wager, too, and the captain "gave a hitch to his trousers," which is a trick all seamen "larn," and got up.

In telling the story he said he almost felt ready to lose his wager after he started, but he didn't want to make a fool of himself, as he went over to the governor's table and made his best bow and said: "How do you do?" The governor said: "How do you do?" too, but went on to say that he wasn't able to place the face, and so on. The captain had his pedigree all ready; it consisted of his own name and the name of his vessel. The mate, who was looking on, saw a change come over the face of the governor, and waiters and all were much surprised to see the stated dignitary leave his chair at a high rate of speed, and the captain "gave a hitch to his trousers," which is a trick all seamen "larn," and got up.

The upshot of it was that the first lady in the Bay state and her sister and his excellency, the governor, and the captain and his mate ate together in peace and harmony and a flood of old-time memories, and the mate lost his two fivers. The governor was William E. Russell, Massachusetts' "boy" governor, who filled the executive chair with his democratic presence so well that he filled it for three years in that proverbially republican state.—N. Y. Commercial Advertiser.

HONORS were easy. Some say the Scotch people have no appreciation for humor. This is hardly true—at least there are exceptions. Many years ago Lord Harry Brougham and Rev. Dr. Thomas Chalmers, two warm friends, met on the street in Edinburgh and stopped for a chat. One of them dropped his cane and both stooped simultaneously to pick it up, with the result that their heads came together with a resounding whack. "Eh, but that made my head ring," said Dr. Chalmers. "That's a sign it's empty," responded Lord Brougham. "Did'n' yours ring?" asked the doctor. "No," said the great advocate. "Weel," responded Chalmers, "that's a sign it's crackin'."—Chicago Chronicle.

HOW to keep plates hot. One of the latest adaptations of electric heating is the electric "hot plate," for keeping food hot during dinner. The metal plate is electrically heated before being brought to the table; but should it be necessary to renew the heat, a plug is inserted at the side of the plate, connection is made with a socket on the table and the current is kept on as long as needed. A new form of hot plate for kitchen use has three disks fitted in a row into a stand, electrical connection being established by a socket under each plate. The stands are nickel-plated and the plates are each eight inches in diameter.—N. Y. Sun.

HOW He Judged Character. "So you want a situation?" said the business man. "Yes, sir," replied the applicant. "Hum—do you ever go fishing?" "Occasionally." "When were you fishing last?" "Day before yesterday." "Catch anything?" "Not a thing." "You can come to work next Monday if you like. If you keep on telling the truth like that you may be a partner in the firm one of these days."—Washington Star.

An old man in Glasgow told James T. Fields that he had once carried a law case to Sir Walter Scott for adjustment. "How did he manage it?" asked Mr. Fields. "Oh, beautifully!" returned the old client, "he told me a bonny story about a coo and a calf in Dundee, and then he sent me over the way to a brother lawyer, who, he told me, had a larger head for such affairs than himself. But it was a bawdy story that he told me about the cattle of Dundee, and it makes me laugh to this day when I think on't!"

Dates of Holidays.

The significance of days observed in the United States.

Sunday is a legal holiday in all the states. May 10th is Memorial Day in North Carolina, and is a holiday.

April 26, Memorial Day, is observed in the States of Alabama and Georgia.

September 9, Admission Day, is observed as a legal holiday in California.

March 4 is a legal holiday in New Orleans. It is called Firemen's Day.

July 4, Independence Day, is a legal holiday in all the states of the Union.

November 25, is Labor Day in Louisiana, and is a legal holiday in that state.

April 21, the anniversary of the great battle of San Jacinto, is a Texas holiday.

February 6, Mardi Gras, has been made a holiday in Louisiana, and also in Alabama.

February 21, the birthday of President Lincoln, has been made a legal holiday in Illinois.

June 3, the birthday of Jefferson Davis, has been made a legal holiday in the State of Florida.

October 31, the day on which Nevada was admitted to the Union, is a legal holiday in that state.

Every Saturday afternoon is a legal holiday in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland.

New Year's Day is a legal holiday in all the states but Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island.

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